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Minutes of the Fall Meeting
Hawaii Library Association
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The fall meeting of the Hawaii Library Association was held at Mabel Smythe Memorial on Saturday, October 16. The minutes of the annual spring meeting of April 3 were read and approved. The names of the school librarians were read and those present were asked to stand so that the whole group would know them.

Mrs. Welsh reported for librarians from Hawaii; Mrs. Hadley from Kauai introduced Mrs. Pelton and Miss Hoyler.

Mrs. Fung, the treasurer, referred to her report at the end of the A.L.A. Bulletin.

The Amendment to the constitution proposed at the executive meeting of April 10 was presented for the association to vote on. This amendment reads:-"The dues shall be $2.00 a year payable at the annual spring meeting or for new members-$1.00 for the last six months of the fiscal year payable at the fall meeting." It was moved and seconded that the amendment be adopted. Passed.

Mr. McClurkin and Mrs. Brundage reported on the Union List of Serials in Hawaii. 110 orders have been received, 19 coming from Hawaii. It is hoped that 300 copies be sold. Mr. McClurkin's report is attached.

It was moved and passed that Miss Suzanne Starr act as A.L.A. membership chairman for the territory in place of the president, Mrs. Mabel Jackson.

The list of the past presidents of the association was read. Several were present.

Mrs. Jackson announced the Hawaii Library Association Scrapbook which will contain clippings, pictures, anecdotes and in general preserve for posterity a more lively picture of the activities than the minutes. This will be maintained each year by the current vice-president.

Mrs. Jackson commented on the surplus in the budget and suggested several means of using part of it namely:-recruiting for the organization, printing the bulletin rather than having it lithographed, adopting a library, maintaining a scholarship fund and, sending CARE packages.

The discussion which followed revealed some difference of opinion. It was decided that the scholarship fund was impractical at this time. A committee for recruiting librarians was appointed. This committee includes Mrs. Dabagh, Miss Shields and Mr. Gahran, who will make plans for introducing interested young people to our group and to the profession. The discussion regarding CARE packages found approval and it was moved that a committee be appointed to arrange for a Christmas package to be sent to a library in Europe. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances M. Kenyon
Secretary

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
GENERAL LIBRARY

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Hawaii County Library by Isabel Welsh

Miss Salome Betts, who came here to substitute as Children's Librarian during the maternity leave of Mrs. Don Johnson, has been appointed to the position permanently, upon the resignation of Mrs. Johnson in September. Miss Betts came to us from the Enoch Pratt Library of Baltimore, where she was prominently identified with children's work. She is a member of two A. L. A. committees on the selection of reading for children.

After months of letter-writing and negotiating between the Library, the County of Hawaii and the Territorial Land Office, the piece of land upon which our branch library at Kona stands, has been transferred to the library. The building, an ancient two-room schoolhouse, has already been given us by the Department of Public Instruction. Now all we need is the gift of a few (?) thousand dollars, so we can tear down the old building and erect a new one, incorporating such of the lumber and material as is usable.

Another piece of good fortune which is coming our way is the new library building at Waimea, now being erected by Richard Smart, owner of Parker Ranch. As we have maintained a small branch library in that locality for a number of years, we have been asked by Mr. Hartwell Carter, manager of the ranch, to advise in the planning and furnishing of the building, and when completed, to move in with our books, bags and baggage, including the custodian, and run the library as a branch of the Hawaii County Library. The building is planned to take care of the needs of the entire community.

A beautiful painting of ti-leaves by our artist-librarian, Miss Sylvia Charlock, which was hanging in the library as an exhibit, was purchased and presented to us by one of the civic-minded citizens of Hilo. We are all delighted to know that this picture will remain with us permanently.

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Maui County Free Library by Juliet Davis

Miss Elizabeth Whitmarsh was married to Mr. Robert Schappals on November 24. Mr. Schappals is principal of Maunaloa School on Molokai.

Mrs. Eleanor Harmon White has returned to Maui to serve as Children's Librarian.

The Paia Branch has been moved to larger quarters in the Paia Community center.

Mrs. Davis is teaching an extension class for the University of Hawaii on utilizing available library material on the island of Maui.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES--Cont.

Kauai Public Library by Lucille Moore

Plans are under way for an Hawaiian Christmas at Kauai Public. One of our local artists, an interior decorator, will help us festoon the library using silver-sprayed Hawaiian plants, seed pods, etc.

Miss Hoyler, our new children's librarian, has reinaugurated story telling both at the main library and on book truck trips. Story Hour is held every Friday afternoon at 4:00. Since the children start coming right after school, the result has been two story hours so far. Miss Hoyler tells stories at the schools whenever the book truck schedule permits.

Six classes of Kauai High School freshman visited the library for instruction in October. Mrs. Hadley taught the classes.

The annual meeting of the branch custodians was held at the Library November 18. All eight custodians attended and much enthusiasm was shown for branch improvements.

Rules and routines for the new Hanapepe Branch are being worked out. Gift books and duplicates in the main collection are being catalogued for the branch, though the legislature must vote funds before new books can be purchased. The building is going up rapidly.

Two recent book displays in the library have proved very popular. One was captioned "Born to the Purple" and consisted of fiction and biography of royalty. The other, "As I Knew It", was a collection of personal chronicles by those who played important roles in the war and post-war period--THE STILWELL PAPERS, Cordell Hull's MEMOIRS, Churchill's THE GATHERING STORM, etc.

Exhibits in the glass display cases have included Christmas wrappings, using Hawaiian materials, created by students of Kapaa School, and Christmas seals from 1929 to date and some foreign stamps.

Mrs. Mary Pelton visited Maui over the Thanksgiving holidays. Miss Moore doesn't let her brace hold her back. She is practically recovered from her spinal operation.

Mrs. Hadley is very active in Kauai's new Community Players. The organization meeting was held at the Library in August. "You Can't Take it With You" was selected for the first production. Mrs. Hadley has the role of Mrs. Kirby, is Assistant Director and Secretary. The play goes on in January.

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USARPAC Libraries by Louise Grove

Army Library Hqs. at Ft. Shafter has been busy getting another thousand volume library ready to go forward, this time to Eniwetok. Two similar libraries have been established on Johnston Island and Kwajelein.

We hear that Miss Genevieve Friday, former Field Section Supervisor, has arrived in Japan and is at the 8th Army Hqs. Miss Helen Lackey, Librarian at Hickam Field Air Base, spent the month of October at her home in California. During that time she dutifully attended two library conventions.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES--Cont.

Library of Hawaii by Ruth Fung

When last heard from, Mrs. Violet Silverman was enjoying the snow in Yosemite. She will be back in the middle of January to resume her duties in the Hawaiian Room...Our air-minded children's librarian, Miss Frances Alexander, who recently completed a 14-day journey around the world by Pan-American, is off to spend a 10-day Christmas holiday in Los Angeles...Miss Eva Boyd of the Art and Music department is spending the Christmas holidays in Chicago, where she will also attend the meeting of the Music Librarians Association.

Since Book Week and Aloha Week occurred at the same time, the Aloha-Book week exhibit was very successful. Books about Hawaii by local authors were displayed and patrons were able to borrow these books as they looked at them. Mrs. Louise Cocroft, publicity librarian, reported that the books went out all the time.

At the request of the Department of Public Instruction, Workshops in Children's Literature are running concurrently at the Main Library and Kaimuki Branch with an average attendance of 26 teachers each. The ten-week sessions are being conducted, by Miss Susan Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Carey, Mrs. Katherine McDole, and Miss Elsie McDonald. This workshop was among the few workshops asked to resume its course from last year and takes care of teachers who are not taking adult education or University of Hawaii entension courses.

A year's subscription of the Readers Digest in Japanese was given to the library by the Young Buddhists Association. They hope this gift will bring the older generation Japanese into the library.

The beautiful Palama-Kalihi branch building is almost completed but there is no money to buy furniture. We hope that a deficiency appropriation can be obtained from the coming legislature or the branch will be without tables and chairs.

"Christmas in many languages" will be the theme of the exhibits during the holidays. The library will welcome its many racial friends with posters on Christmas greetings in Swedish, Portuguese, Filipino, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, English, and Hawaiian.

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Journal's
Christmas tree
brings our good wishes
to all the members of the H.L.A
and a hope that the new year will bring
lots of luck and smooth sailing to
you all, as Association members
and as individuals. We hope your
Christmas is a happy one, that all the
right things are under your Christmas tree. So
to all our readers: Mele Kalikimaka e Hauoli Makahiki Hou

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